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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) Drainage channel according to Claim + 17, wherein said inlet openings taper ~~conically~~ from said upper surface to said channel compartment.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) Drainage channel according to Claim + 17, wherein said side walls define lateral inlet openings, which open into the inlet openings ~~on a marginal side~~.
5. (Currently amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 4, wherein said lateral inlet openings taper toward said ~~channel compartment~~ inlet openings.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 6 17, wherein said end faces define end-face inlet openings that open into said end faces.
8. (Currently amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 7, wherein said end-face inlet openings are constructed ~~so such that by means of which~~ said sealing junctions are accessible for ~~at least one of~~ entry by an injection tool for the injection of said sealing material ~~and for observing this procedure~~.
9. (Currently amended) Drainage channel according to Claim + 16, wherein said

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ceiling boundary surface is provided with at least one of a reinforcing material and a filter fabric.

10. (Currently amended) Drainage channel according to Claim + 17, wherein said upper surface comprises elevated sections at its edge.

11.-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) Drainage channel for surface drainage, comprising:

first and second elongate molded bodies each having opposite end faces, side walls, a floor, and an upper surface over which vehicles can travel, each of said molded bodies including a channel compartment, said channel compartment being defined by a ceiling boundary surface nearest said upper surface, side boundary surfaces and a base boundary surface, said ceiling boundary surface being parallel to said upper surface, at least one of said side boundary surfaces and said base boundary surface tapering in a direction from a first of said end faces to a second of said end faces, said end faces including sealing junctions, said first and second elongate molded bodies including inlet openings in said upper surface, said upper surface having edges extending between said end faces, said upper surface including elevated sections outside said inlet openings and near said edges of said upper surface with rib regions between said elevated sections; and

a sealing material provided at the sealing junctions of said second of said end faces of said first elongate molded body and said first of said end faces of said second elongate molded body;

wherein said elevated sections tolerate loads from vehicles better than rib regions between said elevated sections, and

wherein water flowing from one side over an elevated section of said channel is prevented from overflowing on an opposite side over another of the elevated sections before entering said inlet openings thereby improving drainage action.

17. (New) Drainage channel for surface drainage, comprising:

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first and second elongate molded bodies each having opposite end faces, side walls, a floor, and an upper surface over which vehicles can travel, each of said molded bodies including a channel compartment, said channel compartment being defined by a ceiling boundary surface nearest said upper surface, side boundary surfaces and a base boundary surface, said upper surface having side edges in a longitudinal direction extending between said end faces, at least one of said side boundary surfaces and said base boundary surface tapering in a direction from a first of said end faces to a second of said end faces, said end faces including sealing junctions, said first and second elongate molded bodies including in said upper surface a plurality of inlet openings with one of lateral and longitudinal ribs separating one of said inlet openings from another, said inlet openings have opening linear edges oriented substantially parallel with the longitudinal side edges of the upper surface of said channel thereby maximizing cross-sectional area of the inlet openings; and

a sealing material provided at the sealing junctions of said second of said end faces of said first elongate molded body and said first of said end faces of said second elongate molded body.